

NEWS RELEASE

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<u>Incident:</u> Possession of Controlled Substance, Possession of Narcotics for Sales, Possession of a Controlled Substance for Sales, Felon in Possession of a Firearm and Ammunition, and Child Endangerment Arrest

Location: 2000 block of Scoter Ave Ventura

Date/Time Occurred: 5/20/21 @ 0930 hours

Officer(s) Involved: Ventura Police Street Crimes Unit (SCU)

Suspect(s): Hernandez, Rafael (DOB 4/28/83) Ventura resident

Report #: 21-31587

Narrative:

On May 20th, 2021, members of the Ventura Police Department Street Crimes Unit (SCU) conducted a search warrant at the above address after an ongoing investigation into narcotics and controlled substances for sales. Detectives identified Rafael Hernandez as the suspect involved.

During the search warrant, detectives recovered narcotics, controlled substances, evidence of sales, and a loaded firearm inside Hernandez's residence. There are also young children that live in the house.

As a result of the investigation, Rafael Hernandez was arrested and booked at the Ventura County Jail for possession of methamphetamines, possession of methamphetamines for sales, possession of fentanyl for sales, felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition, and felony child endangerment.

A search of the Ventura County Superior Court shows that Rafael Hernandez has prior convictions for Assault with a Deadly Weapon and Felony Vehicle Pursuit.

The complete press release, including suspect description, can be viewed online at www.venturapd.org

If you have any information about this crime, you can make an anonymous call to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

If your information leads to an arrest, you could receive a cash reward of up to \$1,000.